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February 22, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re:

H Sand, Reservoir A, Weeks Island Field,

Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf The Meridian Resource & Exploration Company and Louisiana Onshore Properties, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing after legal notice to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relative to the H Sand, Reservoir A, Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

H SAND, RESERVOIR A

- 1. To dissolve the reservoirwide unit created by Office of Conservation Order No. 146-U, effective December 1, 1969, and to simultaneously, create a drilling and production unit for the H Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the WI H RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acre basis of participation;
- 3. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit so created;
- 4. To provide that the unit well shall be exempt from the spacing requirements of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
- 5. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the

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reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the H Sand, Reservoir A.

The H Sand, Reservoir A, was previously defined in Department of Conservation Order No. 146-U, effective December 1, 1969.

The pre-application conference relating to this matter was not requested, and WILL NOT BE HELD, so no opposition is anticipated

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the WI H RA SUA in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager ONLY are a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plats in a prominent place in the area of Weeks Island Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Weeks Island Field, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Charles Smith 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 (225) 767-2240.

Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL & BATES, L.L.P.

WSS:mbw ENCLOSURES

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager
Lafayette, Louisiana

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